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SUBJ: PRESS COVERAGE OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB'S VISIT  
TO FIJI

1. FOLLOWING ARTICLE UNDER HEADLINE "U.S. OFFICIAL HERE"  
APPEARED IN REB. 24 ISSUE OF FIJI SUN:

QUOTE A SENIOR UNITED STATES OFFICIAL IS CURRENTLY IN FIJI  
ON A BRIEF VISIT. HE IS MR. PHILIP C. HABIB, ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS IN THE  
US STATE DEPARTMENT.

HE WAS PREVIOUSLY UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO THE REPUBLIC  
OF KOREA.

YESTERDAY MORNING MR. HABIB CALLED ON THE PRIME MINISTER  
RATU SIR KAMISESE MARA.

MR. HABIB ASSURED THE PRIME MINISTER THAT THE UNITED STATES  
WOULD CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN A POSITIVE INTEREST IN FIJI AND  
THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC AND TO WORK IN CLOSE  
ASSOCIATION WITH THE GOVERNMENTS IN THE AREA. UNQUOTE

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES ABOVE STATEMENT, PARTICULARLY LAST  
PARAGRAPH, WAS RELEASED TO PRESS BY GOF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
DEPARTMENT.

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3. APART FROM THIS ARTICLE ONLY OTHER NEWS COVERAGE OF

ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB'S VISIT HAS BEEN BRIEF MENTION  
INCLUDED IN NEWS BROADCASTS OF RADIO FIJI.  
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